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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir/Madam:

The following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks are submitted concurrently with the filing of a Continuation patent application, identified by attorney docket no. 10982211-2, and in anticipation of an office action similar to the August 4, 2003, Office Action for the parent application number 09/568,555.

After this introductory section, there are Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims, and then Remarks, each starting on a separate page. Amendment to the Specification consists of adding a Cross-Reference to Related Application section to provide priority information. Amendments to the Claims consist of the cancellation of claims 6, 17, and 18 and amendments for claims 1, 7, 8, 12 and 20, which are incorporated in a complete listing of the claims.